

REMARKS

Claims 10, 12-14, 16-20, 27-29, 31, 34-36, 54-57 and 63-66 are pending after the present amendments. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner has indicated that claims 10, 12-14, 16-20, 27-29, 31, 34-36 and 63-66 are allowed. To expedite prosecution, Applicants have deleted the rejected claims, and expressly reserve the right to prosecute the canceled claims in the future. Furthermore, the Examiner did not take any action on claims 54-57. Because claims 54-57 also relate to processes for preparing potassium clavulanate and contain very similar limitations as claim 10, Applicants submit that claims 54-57 are allowable.

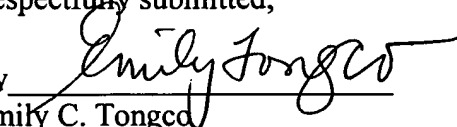
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 246152015300. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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